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SUBJ: TRANSLINEAR/DUPONT CARIBBEAN

REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 1567

1. TRANSLINEAR INC. PRESIDENT WILLIAM CARDEN CALLED AT EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 26 TO REPORT THAT GOH JUDGMENT AGAINST DUPONT CARIBBEAN (REFTEL) HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY ISSUED AND SERVED ON DUPONT CARIBBEAN LAWYER MERCERON THAT DAY. CARDEN CONFIRMED MERCERON HAS FILED AN APPEAL. CARDEN OFFERED TO FURNISH A CERTIFIED TRANSLATION OF COURT RULING, WHICH EMBASSY WILL FORWARD TO ARA/CAR WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. CARDEN STATED THAT RECENTLY HE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE COMMERCE SECRETARY FOURCAND AND THAT HE SUSPECTS HE IS GETTING DELIBERATE RUNAROUND WHILE GOH ENTERTAINS POSSIBILITY OF ACCORDING TORTUGA CONCESSION TO SOME GROUP OTHER THAN TRANSLINEAR. CARDEN SAID HE HAS HEARD JAPANESE INTERESTS HAVE DISCUSSED TORTUGA IN SOME CONTEXT WITH GOH. (NOTE: JAPANESE TRADE GROUP VISITED HAITI FOR TWO DAYS EARLIER THIS MONTH.)

3. CARDEN NOTED THAT TRANSLINEAR CONTRACT WORK ON

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ISLAND NOW HAS BEEN STOPPED SIX MONTHS AT OUT-OF-POCKET

COST TO COMPANY OF \$181,000 DURING THAT PERIOD. HE SAID TRANSLINEAR PRINCIPALS C(CROOK, FANNING, MEYERERS, ET AL) IN STOCKHOLDERS MEETING A WEEK AGAO WERE AT POINT OF VIRTUALLY WRITING OFF PROJECT AND TAKING THEIR COMPLAINTS DIRECT TO CONGRESS, STATE, COMMERCE AND INTERNATIONAL LENDING AGENCIES. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM CARDEN'S COMMENTS WHERE ALL THIS STANDS NOW, BUT HE STATED THAT HE URGED A CONCILIATORY APPROACH ON STOCKHOLDERS. HE GAVE IMPRESSION TO EMBOFFS THAT HIS CURRENT TRIP TO HAITI MAY BE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OBTAIN EXPLICIT ASSURANCES FROM GOH ON TRANSLINEAR'S LEASEHOLD RIGHTS ON TORTUGA AND FUTURE OF PROJECT.

4. PARENTHETICALLY, IN COMPLAINING ABOUT HIS RECENT QTE DISCOURTEOUS UNQTE TREATMENT AT HANDS OF FOURCAND, CARDEN RELATED RUMORS HE HAS HEARD TO THE EFFECT THAT FOURCAND'S INFLUENCE IS ON THE WANE, WITH THAT OF BNRH PRESIDENT ANDRE'S, SOMEWHAT INEXPLICABLY, ON THE RISE. CORCORAN

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